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“A” Avenue To Be Rebuilt

Airport Report

“A” Avenue: At the 8/16 Airport Authority meeting manager Don Furlow reported that the engineering and design work for the rebuild of “A” Avenue had been completed. Bids for the work were to be solicited this month, and a bond issue will be floated to finance the work. There is no reason that the rebuild can’t be accomplished before winter weather sets in.

Old Convair: The old Convair airplane located on the northwest side of the airport is finally going to be sold, one way or another. The Airport Authority will be advertising for bids in the local papers, and the sale decision will be made on Monday, September 13th. For more information, or to place a bid, contact Diane Schepman at 812-522-2031.

White Hangar: Lance Bartels has rented the building on a month-to-month basis pending resolution of some issues with the building structure. The hangar doors need to be made higher to accommodate larger aircraft, and the vertical tracks need to be replaced so the doors go up and down properly. Also, the hangar floor needs to be cleaned up, ground off, and painted. Some other needs include replacing the floor covering in the back offices and fixing a hole in one of the office ceilings. Don Furlow is looking into ways to get these things accomplished at a reasonable cost.

FBO Status: During the airport authority meeting Lance Bartels commented that there was little impetus to seek designation as an FBO. This is because the only advantage is that FBO’s can sell fuel. However, since Pardieck

Aviation has fuel sales pretty well tied up here at Seymour that “advantage” doesn’t mean much to anybody else. The disadvantage to having FBO status is that FBO’s have to comply with certain Minimum Standards, which, depending on the state of the economy and level of activity on the field, can be difficult to fulfill. Lance said he might be better off just being a maintenance provider like Tim Hurt (who operates out of the Green Hangar). Tim, who was present in the audience, commented that he would love to be an FBO. He is moving his business in that direction by being open for business full time and adding additional services like chart sales and a lounge area. He too lamented that there is no good way for him to be able to sell fuel.

Pardieck Aviation: For the past month or so Pardieck Aviation had a full-time employee named Chase. They have been on a big clean-up/fix-up campaign, which has included painting the floor of the Pardieck hangar and cleaning out the Blue Hangar. Both are greatly improved. Unfortunately, by the time you read this Chase will have returned to his studies at Purdue University. Future staffing at Pardieck is uncertain.

FFFA Activities

The FFFA meeting for August, held on 8/10 at the library in Seymour, was a talk by David Gray about the continuing search for WW-II artifacts on and near the airport. The talk was well attended and well received. David told of the history of Freeman Army Air Field, how he got involved in the search for artifacts, strategies and methods employed, and plans for the

future. He brought along quite a few items they had already uncovered, and after the talk the audience had a chance to see the items up close. We hope to have David do another talk next year to update us on his team's progress.

Our upcoming meeting on September 7th will be given over to planning for the Airport Awareness Day to be held on October 9th. The food is taken care of (outsourced), but we still have to deal with airplane rides and other activities.

Member News/Accomplishments

Lance Bartels is now the official captain of the Learjet he flies for a Columbus businessman. The magnetos on Marshall Grooms' Cardinal are finally fixed. Marshall is back to flying around with a smooth-running engine. Larry Bothe did 5 forum presentations at Oshkosh, and will be doing a presentation at the LSA Expo in Mt. Vernon, IL on 9/24.

Harry Knight organized a party that was held at Jack Galliher's place down on the river. Many FFA members were in attendance. Jack has a tree sculpture that Harry modeled for several years ago. They captured his likeness perfectly.



Museum Archives

The renovation work on the "back room" of the main museum building is nearly completed. The room has been rewired and new lights installed. The holes in the ceiling and walls have been patched and the entire room painted several

coats. The red and black walls are gone! All that remains now is to put down some sort of floor covering. However, the museum's bank account is pretty well depleted. Anybody know where we could get about 120 square yards of commercial-grade carpet for cheap?

The museum welcomes the newest addition to our Board of Directors, **Bonnye Good**. Bonnye brings a lot to the party, in terms of both education and experience. She has a masters degree in history and for a time was a curator for a museum in Terre-Haute. She is a published author and pretty good with computers. She also has experience writing grants (requests) and raising funds. We are very fortunate to have her on our Board.

Treasurer's Report

		July, 2010
For the period:		
Opening balance, all funds		8,270.11
Opening balance, checking acct		268.06
Income		
Dues		
Other		
	Total Income	
Expenses		
Newsletter	4.50	
9 mo. Nwsltr		
postage	132.00	
Electric bill	13.61	
Sewer bill	5.14	
Water bill		
Food for 4th pitch-		
in	68.76	
Other		
	Total	
	Expenses	224.01
Transfer from		
MMF	1,000.00	
Transfer to MMF		
Closing balance, checking acct		1,044.05
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal		8,002.05
Checks written	1,000.00	
X-fer in from		
chckng		
Interest earned	0.85	
End bal, MMF		7,002.90
Net change, all accounts		-223.16
Grand total, all funds		8,046.95

Columbus (BAK) Set to Reopen

The reconstruction of runway 5-23 at BAK will continue for another couple of months, but the total closure of the airport will tentatively end on Monday evening, 8/23, about the time you read this newsletter. The paving where runways 14/32 and 5/23 cross will be completed. 14/32 can then reopen and will be available for use while 5/23 remains closed to complete the project.

Coming soon to a towered field near you.... 'Line Up and Wait' to Replace 'Position and Hold'

Starting Oct. 1 at tower-controlled airports, we'll no longer be asked to "taxi into position and hold," but rather, controllers will invite us to "line up and wait." Why? Though "position and hold" might seem intuitive to pilots who've been using the phrase for years, the FAA has recognized that for non-English speakers, the phrase holds some dangerous ambiguities. It's too easily confused with other directions such as "hold position" or "position at hold" (meaning stop at a designated runway hold-short line). Also, the phrase "line up and wait" is widely used throughout the world and conforms with International Civil Aviation Organization standard phraseology. So be prepared to "line up and wait" starting this October. And don't forget that already in effect is the new requirement to have clearance to cross each individual runway (even closed ones!) at an airport with an operating control tower.

Flight Instruction at North Vernon

Old Pennsylvania Dutch proverb: "The hurrier we go, the behinder we get." Such is the case with getting a mainstream airplane available for flight instruction and rental at North Vernon. When we last left out heroes the old Cherokee 140 had been made airworthy and Ron Huddleston was negotiating to buy it. However, as previously reported, both the exterior and interior were in rough shape; not exactly what would instill confidence in a student. Ron has in fact acquired ownership of the airplane, but he couldn't stand the appearance. Right now the plane is in the paint shop at North Vernon, and an interior kit is on order from Airtex. He also has a panel-mounted GPS to install. The new target date for completion and rental availability is September 11th, the date of the Airport

Awareness Day at North Vernon. Let's hope it is sitting out front in all its shiny glory when we go over to OVO for their AAD. In the meantime, Ron is still teaching in and renting out his J-3 Cub. FMI call Ron at 812-767-0615.

Dig Doings

There have not been any new finds since last month when they found the cache of propeller blades. David has been busy with his corporate pilot duties, and, other than the talk at the library, hasn't spent much time in Seymour lately. They do have another dozen or so places they will be digging as time, weather and conservation of crops permits. Keep in mind that the agreement with the Airport Authority to search on the airport is for a 5-year period. This is only the first year. There is plenty of time to proceed in an economical and responsible way. FMI: www.freemanfieldrecoveryteam.com

Midwest LSA Expo

The 2nd annual Midwest LSA Expo will be held in Mt. Vernon, IL September 23-24-25. Your Editor and Joe Clark went to it last year and had a good time. This year yours truly is doing a presentation on Friday the 24th. I'm planning to fly over that day. Anybody want to go with me? They will have over 50 LSA aircraft available for demo flights. Note that I'm going on Friday because the Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels fly-in at Lee Bottom is on Saturday, 9/25, and I definitely want to go to that.

FMI: <http://www.midwestlsashow.com/>

John Schreiber Items for Sale, Including ½ a Mooney!

Long-time FFFA member John Schreiber is (at least temporarily) getting out of aviation. He would like to sell his aviation equipment as well as the half-interest he owns in a Mooney with partner Jeff Hougland. John has a Garmin 195 GPS with all its accessories in the original carton, \$125, and a Lightspeed 15K ANR headset for \$80. Call John at 812-752-2630 if you are interested in the GPS or the headset.

The airplane is a 1966 Mooney M-20C, N3405X, hangared at Seymour. John is asking in the mid-20's for his half. For more information on the plane you can call John at the number above, or his partner Jeff at 812-595-2884.

Parachute Save

from James Mauch, 8/18/2010

We have all heard if the whole airplane parachute system from BRS, and how it can save the pilot and passengers in the event of a total loss of control and/or a catastrophic airframe failure. As a marketing tool BRS touts the number of "saves" over the years. On their website they show a video of a test of the system using a Cirrus airplane, which is very benign. Now you can see an actual airframe failure and a parachute save by going to the site below and watching the video. It is pretty dramatic.

http://www.freetoadventure.com/video/video/show?id=1982075:Video:33624&xqs=1&xq_source=msg_share_video

The USS Midway VA-25's Toilet Bomb.

From Floyd Hollandbeck, 8/18/2010

In October 1965, CDR Clarence J. Stoddard, Executive Officer of VA-25 'Fist of the Fleet', flying an A-1H Skyraider, NE/572 'Paper Tiger II' from Carrier Air Wing Two aboard USS Midway carried a special bomb to the North Vietnamese in commemoration of the 6-millionth pound of ordnance dropped. This bomb was unique because of the type... it was a toilet! The following is an account of this event, courtesy of Clint Johnson, Captain, USNR Ret. Captain Johnson was one of the two VA-25 A-1 Skyraider pilots credited with shooting down a MiG-17 on June 20, 1965. Clint Johnson was also a classmate and Company-mate of mine at the Naval Academy.

572 was flown by CDR C. W. 'Bill' Stoddard. His wingman in 577 was LCDR Robin Bacon, who had a wing station mounted movie camera (the only one remaining in the fleet from WWII). The flight was a Dixie Station strike (off South Vietnam) going to the Delta. When they arrived in the target area and CDR Stoddard was reading the ordnance list to the FAC, he ended with 'and one code name Sani-flush'. The FAC couldn't believe it and joined up to see it. It was dropped in a dive with LCDR Bacon flying tight wing position to film the drop. When it came off, it turned hole to the wind and almost struck his airplane.

It made a great ready room movie. The FAC said that it whistled all the way down. The toilet

was a damaged toilet, which was going to be thrown overboard. One of our plane captains rescued it and the ordnance crew made a rack, tailfins and nose fuse for it. The squadron flight deck checkers maintained a position to block the view of the Captain and Air Boss while the aircraft was taxiing onto the catapult. Just as it was being shot off we got a 1MC message from the bridge, 'What the hell was on 572's right wing?'



Guess the Spot

From Rich Goold, 8/20/2010

The site below is a cool quiz where they show you an aerial photo of 16 famous places (not aviation), and you have to figure out which famous place it is. It is difficult because the perspective for the aerial photos is straight down. Your editor has been to many of these places over the years and got only 12 of the 16 correct. The guy who sent it to me has traveled a lot and got only 8. Give it a try and let me know how many you get right. Don't cheat!

<http://www.guessthespot.com/>

Calendar at a Glance

Sep 4, Fly-in/cruise-in, Marion, IN

Sep 7, FFFA meeting, 7p, FFFA Bldg

Sep 11, North Vernon Airport Awareness Day

Sep 23-25, Midwest LSA Expo, Mt. Vernon, IL

Sep 25, Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels fly-in at Lee Bottom

Oct 9, Airport Awareness Day, SER

Oct 30, Air Force Museum (driving)

Dec 9 (Thursday), FFFA Christmas Dinner
(Bold items are official FFFA activities)

Airport Authority meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7:15pm, terminal building.

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Sell – Buy

Have something you want to sell or buy? FFFA members get a free ad. Contact the Editor, Larry Bothe, 812-521-7400, or e-mail LBothe@comcast.net to place an ad.

T-Hangars at SER

Cost is \$65 or \$85/mo. Call Diane at 812-522-2031 if you want to rent a space.

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Lightspeed 15K ANR headset, Garmin GPS 195, 1/2 of 1966 Mooney M-20C

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